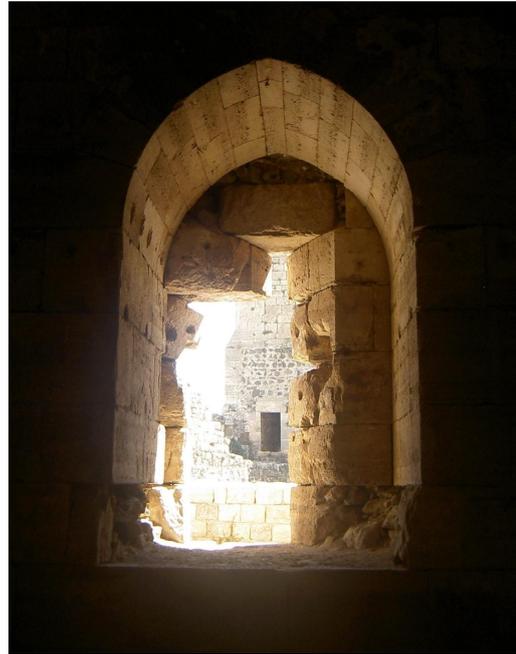


Enter life

*Who will roll away the stone for us?
The sealed stone of our tombs,
The stone of our habits and rejections,
The stone of our disappointments and fears!
Like the Holy Women, O Risen Jesus,
We close again our shattered dreams,
And we want to embalm Your body!
Why look for You amongst the dead?
You are not in the tomb.
You, the Prince of Life, You are Alive!
Teach us the Scriptures,
Share with us Your bread,
Come and fill us with Your joy.*



Sometimes, on Easter Sunday, we go to the tomb with the Holy Women. Like them, we wish that 'that' had not happened. 'Why?' we often wonder. Yes, why is this rejection, suffering and distress necessary? Believing in the resurrection is not escaping from the human condition, getting rid of the bumps and the flaws, denying the harshness and exhaustion, nor even closing your eyes to the unbearable. It is discovering that Christ has borne all that, that he has taken on our human condition all the way to the end, including what is beyond comprehension and beyond appalling.

The secret of the resurrection is only revealed by revealing that of the cross. It is a mystery that Jesus alone can introduce us to because no-one reaches it from outside! The resurrection is not the denial of the cross. It proclaims that God was there with the crucified one, until his abandonment. Far from being a failure, the cross is the triumph of Love stronger than death. The cross shows in fullness the glory of God, the splendour of his love, more powerful than evil in all its forms.

In these days of Easter, let us not withdraw into ourselves, into our past, our rejections or our fears. Let us discover the signs of the resurrection. Let us seek Jesus where he is. It is He who opened the minds of the women and the disciples. It is he who enables us to overcome the furore of the cross, to believe that he has passed to life and that he invites us, even today, to enter into life with Him.

From the depths of my heart, I wish you- and all friends of Faith and Light – a Holy and Happy Easter celebration,

Father Guy

